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FOR SCI-BEAUBIEN AND NEA/EGY-SEMABIS

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY SCIENCE PROGRAM

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1. SUPPLEMENTING PARAS 2 AND 3 CAIRO 3229, WE RECOMMEND THAT AT MAY 20 MEETING OF SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY GROUP MEMBERS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES BE ADOPTED WITH REGARD TO PROGRAMS IN EGYPT TO ENABLE AMBASSADOR TO FULFILL POSITIVE MANAGEMENT ROLE DELEGATED TO HIM BY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE AND TO MEET GOE REQUIREMENTS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF ALL TRAVEL TO EGYPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING EXISTING PROJECTS OR INVESTIGATING PROPOSED PROJECTS. EMBASSY SHOULD BE INFORMED OF ALL OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO EGYPT.

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3. TRAVELERS SHOULD CALL AT EMBASSY'S SPECIAL

FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM OFFICE (CRAIG) UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. TRAVELERS WHO ARE COMING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PROJECTS WITH EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS SHOULD LEAVE WITH EMBASSY A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT TO BE DISCUSSED AND THE NAME OF THE GOE AGENCY WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED. THE EMBASSY WILL THEN NOTIFY FOREIGN MINISTRY ON A PERIODIC BASIS OF THESE PROPOSALS, INDICATING THAT THEY ARE UNDER INFORMAL CONSIDERATION AND THAT PERTINENT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND THEIR EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS RE FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSED PROJECTS ARE TAKING PLACE. PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL OF ANY PROGRAM, THE DETAILS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE EMBASSY WHO WILL AT THAT TIME OBTAIN OFFICIAL FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVAL FOR THE PROJECT. HOPEFULLY THE BULK OF THESE FINAL APPROVALS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN A SINGLE ANNUAL LIST.

4. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT I WANT THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM BETWEEN AMERICAN AND EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS TO PROSPER. I BELIEVE IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IF WE MEET GOE DESIRES ALONG LINES SUGGESTED ABOVE AND IN REFTEL. IT IS A MISTAKE TO TRY TO DEVISE FOOLPROOF PROCEDURES IN EGYPT AND WE MUST BE PREPARED TO SHOW SOME PROCEDURAL FLEXIBILITY. UNLESS THERE ARE SECURITY OR OTHER PREVENTIVE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE CAN KEEP THE GOE INFORMED AS IT REQUESTS AND AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUE TO HAVE INFORMAL EXPLORATORY CONTACTS BETWEEN INTERESTED US SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES AND EGYPTIANS FOR PROMISING NEW PROJECTS.
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